S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Details of coverage in Orissa
4.	Exchange of farmers within the country	Since 1990-91, 220 farmers from Orissa visited the States of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab and Haryana.
5.	Farmers Scientists Interaction Programme	40 Interaction organised covering all the 10 agro-climatic zones of Orissa.
6.	Higer Training of Extension Personnel	Since 1992-93 to 1994-95, 40 Village Extension Workers availed higher training.

Modernisation of Agriculture

*433 SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise agriculture;

(b) whether the shortage of modern implements has posed problem in the modernisation programme;

(c) if so, the steps taken to make available adequate number of different agricultural implements; and

(d) the details of the programme of the Government to modernise agriculture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d) The strategy of agricultural development pursued by the Government has focussed on modernisation of agriculture by promoting the use of improved farm technology and modern inputs like high yielding varieties of seeds, fertilizers, improved implements, integrated pest management and provision of irrigation facilities. Efforts are also made to promote diversification of agriculture through development of alternative crops including horticulture, floriculture etc. To increase production and productivity, strengthening of agricultural research and dissemination of technology has received particular attention. Attention has also been focussed on provision of infrastructure, marketing support and remunerative prices for agricultural produce to increase income of farmers.

No shortage of modern farm implements has been reported by any State/UT to the Central Government.

To modernise the agricultural implements Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is engaged in development of improved implements and equipments with the cooperation of agricultural universities in the country. More than 23 implements developed by Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal have been released for popularisation under different programmes. Besides this, the ICAR has established seven Prototype manufacturing centres having facilities for manufacturing. ICAR has recently started revolving fund scheme under which a Centre for proto-type manufacturing has been established at Indian Agricutural Research Institute